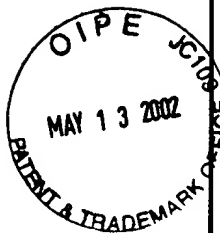


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**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-10 with the following paragraph:**

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